

REMARKS

In the Office Action, claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,273,137 to Pravorerov et al.

In the Office Action, claims 3, 4, 7, 10, 18, and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Pravorerov et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 7,065,411 to Verness.

In the Office Action, claims 13, 15, 17, and 19 are allowed over the prior art of record.

In response thereto, claims 1 and 18 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1-13, 15, and 17-20 are now pending. Following is a discussion of the patentability of each of the pending claims.

Independent Claim 1

Claim 1 recites a biocompatible, biostable, corrosion-resistant wire strand for a cardioverting and/or defibrillating coil electrode of an implantable cardiac lead. The wire strand comprises a core comprising a plurality of electrically conductive, low electrical resistance filaments embedded in an electrically conductive matrix, and a low electrical resistance, substantially chemically inactive cladding discrete from the matrix.

For at least the same reasons for allowing claim 13, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is in condition for allowance.

Dependent Claims 2-12

Claims 2-12 depend from claim 1 and are similarly patentable. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are in condition for allowance.

Independent Claim 13 and Dependent Claims 15, 17, and 19

Claims 13, 15, 17, and 19 are allowed over the prior art of record.

Independent Claim 18

For at least the same reasons for allowing claim 13, it is respectfully submitted that claim 18 is in condition for allowance.

Dependent Claim 20

Claim 20 depends from claim 18 and is similarly patentable. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that claim 20 is in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and an early notice of allowance is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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